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IN THE CLAIMS

1-28. **(Cancelled)**

29. **(Currently Amended)** A method for playing a game of chance ~~[[that is substantially identical to the conventional game of roulette which has a wheel with exactly thirty-seven or thirty-eight slots, but without the roulette wheel so as to enable roulette like game play in jurisdictions where conventional roulette is prohibited]]~~, said method comprising the steps of:

providing at least one defined set of balls, the defined set consisting of 37 or 38 individual and substantially identical balls, each ball in the defined set representing a different chance outcome in the game of chance;

marking each ball in the defined set with a distinctive indicium, thirty-six of the balls being marked with indicium selected from the group consisting of the whole numbers 1 to 36, and the remaining one or two balls in the defined set being marked with other distinctive indicium, whereby every ball in the defined set is uniquely marked;

placing the at least one defined set of balls in a transparent chamber;

providing a table top having a layout region corresponding to the distinctive indicium marked on the balls;

wagering upon the game outcome by positioning an acceptable instrument within the layout region on the table top to select from any of the distinctive indicium;

randomly moving the at least one defined set of balls about the chamber under the influence of an air current;

singulating a random one ball from the at least one defined set of balls during said step of randomly moving the balls in the chamber; and

determining a decision for the game of chance by publicizing the distinct indicia marked on the one singulated ball, whereby the game decision is based on ~~[[a probability for each possible chance outcome that]]~~ said step of singulating a random one ball and the probability that any one distinct indicium will be publicized is equivalent to 1 divided by the total number of balls in the defined set is equivalent to the conventional game of roulette but without using a roulette wheel to establish the game decision.

30. **(Previously Presented)** The method of Claim 29, further including the step of providing a transparent chute in communication with the chamber; and said step of singulating a random one of the balls including selectively admitting the one singulated ball into the chute.

31. **(Previously Presented)** The method of Claim 29, further including the step of capturing a visual image of the one singulated ball with a camera.

32. **(Previously Presented)** The method of Claim 31, further including the step of projecting the captured image on a display screen.

33. **(Previously Presented)** The method of Claim 29, wherein said step of providing a table top having a layout region includes the step of creating a layout matrix comprising thirty-six cells arranged in three columns and twelve rows, and further including the step of marking each cell with a distinctive indicium selected from the group consisting of the whole numbers 1 to 36.

34. **(Previously Presented)** The method of Claim 33, wherein said step of marking each ball with a distinctive indicium includes the step of marking at least two of the thirty-eight balls with distinctive indicium selected from the group consisting of the whole numbers 37 and 38.

35. **(Previously Presented)** The method of Claim 33, wherein said step of marking each cell includes marking the cell in the first column and the first row with the number "1", marking the cell in the second column and the first row with the number "2", and marking the cell in the third column and the first row with the number "3", and further including the step of sequentially marking each successive cell in each column with the number determined by the formula " $n + 3$ " where " n " is the number in the immediately preceding cell of the same column.

36. **(Currently Amended)** An apparatus for playing a game of chance, ~~[[that is substantially similar to the conventional game of roulette which has a wheel with exactly thirty seven or thirty eight slots, but without the roulette wheel so as to enable game play in jurisdictions where conventional roulette is prohibited,]]~~ said apparatus comprising:

a table top for placing bets thereupon, said table top having a layout region including a layout matrix comprising thirty-six cells arranged in three columns and twelve rows, each said cell containing a distinctive indicium selected from the group consisting of the whole numbers 1 to 36;

at least one defined set of balls, each said defined set consisting of thirty-seven or thirty-eight individual and substantially identical balls, thirty-six of said balls marked with a distinctive indicium selected from the group consisting of the whole numbers 1 to 36, and the remaining 1 or 2 balls in said defined set marked with other distinctive indicium, whereby every ball in said defined set is uniquely marked;

a transparent chamber for containing said balls;

a blower for moving said balls randomly within said chamber under the influence of an air current; and

a ball selector operatively associated with said chamber for singulating a random one of said balls to establish a game decision corresponding to the distinct indicia marked on said one singulated ball, whereby the game of chance played upon said apparatus ~~[[is substantially equivalent to a conventional game of roulette but without using a roulette wheel to establish the game decision]]~~ produces a game decision that has a probability factor for each possible outcome equivalent to one divided by the total number of said balls in said defined set.

37. **(Previously Presented)** The apparatus according to Claim 36, wherein said ball selector includes a transparent chute in communication with said chamber for receiving and displaying said one singulated ball.

38. **(Previously Presented)** The apparatus according to Claim 36, further including a camera directed toward said ball selector for capturing a visual image of said one singulated ball.

39. **(Previously Presented)** The apparatus according to Claim 38, further including a video display for displaying the visual image of said one singulated ball captured by said camera.

40. **(Previously Presented)** The apparatus according to Claim 36, wherein one of said balls is marked with indicium number 37.

41. **(Previously Presented)** The apparatus according to Claim 36, wherein said cell in said first column and said first row of said layout matrix includes the number "1", said cell in said second column and said first row includes the number "2", and said cell in said third column and said first row includes the number "3", and wherein each successive cell in each said column includes the number determined by the formula " $n + 3$ " where " n " is the number in the immediately preceding cell of the same column.